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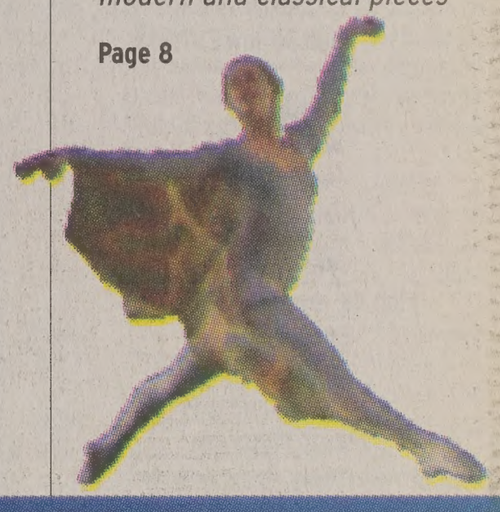

Bill allows concealed weapons

Senate passes bill allowing guns on campus, new ways to inform public

By LEAH ELISON

2003 UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

A clash between senators Friday, ended with the Senate Judiciary Committee passing an amended version of Senate Bill 108, which allows concealed carry permit holders to have concealed weapons on public school campuses.

Sen. Patrice Arent, D-Salt Lake, proposed a substitute bill that would prohibit concealed weapons on school campuses, completely reversing the ome of the original version of the bill proposed by Sen. ael Waddoups, R-Salt Lake.

fter debating the issue and hearing public testimony, the itute version by Arent failed and an amended version of loups' bill was approved 4-2.

believe this bill protects children," Waddoups said. "This larifies the intention of the legislature that all concealed its are valid anywhere except certain noted areas."

he bill does not change the ban on concealed firearms in any e area in which notice of prohibition is posted, secure areas rports and any courthouse, mental health facility or correcl facility.

rent said her legislation accomplished the same goal without putting children in danger.

"here are certain places where guns just don't belong," she

urents, gun owners and representatives from education nizations and gun associations voiced their opinions about ill.

don't see why airports deserve more protection than ols," said Marla Kennedy, executive director of the Gun Vio Prevention Center in Utah.

hools are not secured areas, like airports, Waddoups' sup rs said. A gun owner knows that no one else has a concealed on at an airport.

any of Waddoups' supporters said they needed guns to feel t schools.

People who work at schools have a right to protection," said Ruzicka, president of the Utah Eagle Forum. "Just because chose the profession of a teacher doesn't mean they lose right."

e said victims tend to be easily overpowered when ked, "but when they are armed, they have a great equalizer." ildren would also be safer if responsible adults could carry at schools, Waddoups' supporters said.

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Patterns in nanoscale

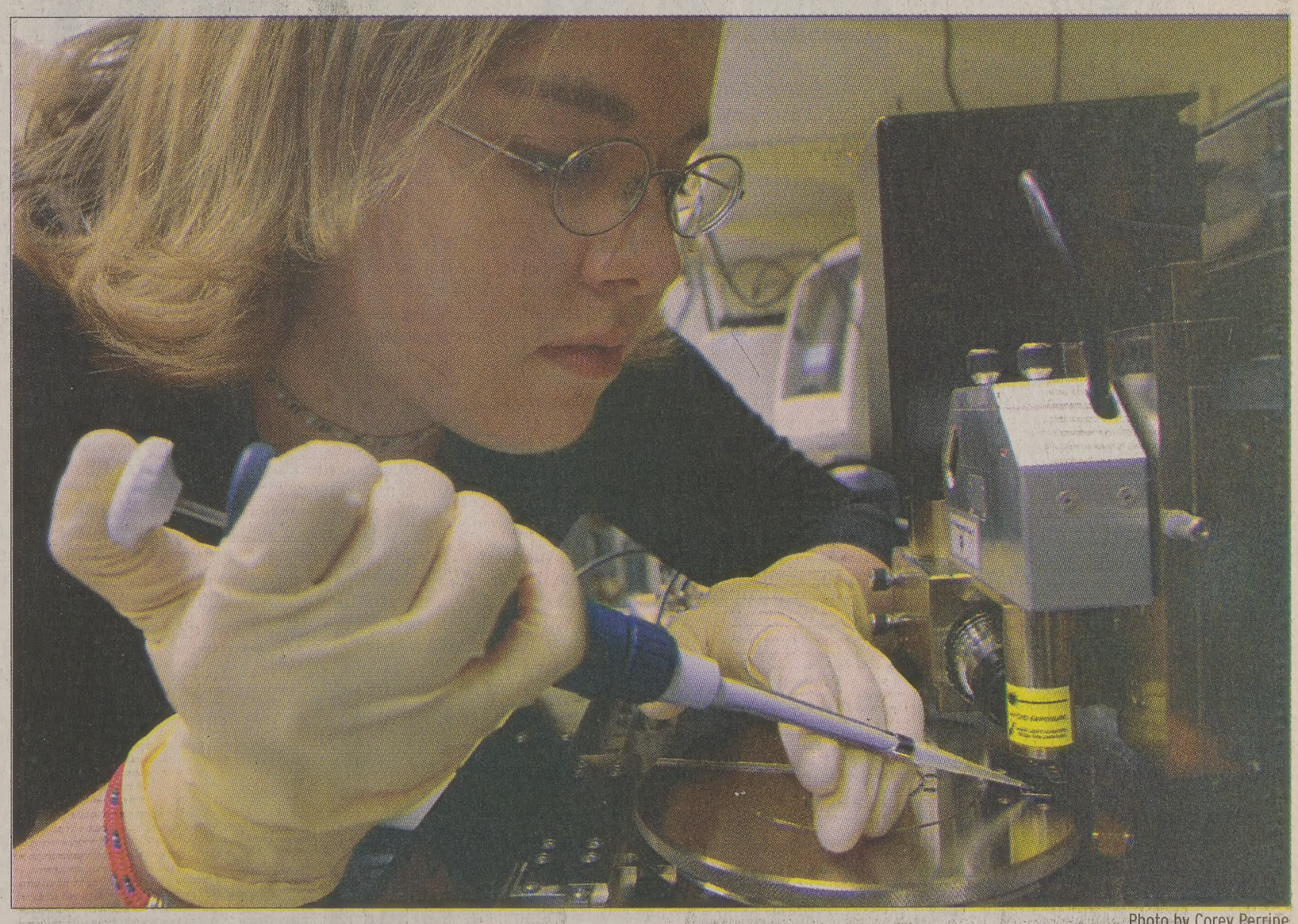

Photo by Corey Perrine

Melinda Tonks, 23, a senior majoring in physics, applies a chemical substance hexadecene to a silicon surface on an atomic force microscope.

New technique could help several science fields

By MARK NOLTE

Using miniature tools and an uncommon amount of comradeship, two BYU researchers have developed a way to inscribe chemical patterns onto silicon surfaces that could assist several fields of science in the future.

Matthew Linford, assistant professor of chemistry, and Robert Davis, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, published a paper on their new nanoscale technique in the Feb. 3 issue of "Applied Physics Papers."

Although Linford and Davis' nanoscale technique has the potential to affect tissue engineering, semi-conductor production and light-emitting diodes, they are careful not to over-emphasize their work.

"It is at the fairly basic level," Davis said. "It is not ready to make any of those technologies available in the short-term (future). It is one more tool that scientists can use to study how to assemble devices that may lead to these things."

Linford said he views their research not as a revolution, but as one more step in the evolutionary process of scientific discovery.

Should future fields of research head in the same direction. Linford and Davis are both optimistic their technique will be beneficial.

"This is a powerful tool," Linford said. "I'm not sure I know of any other way that you can make such fine chemical patterns on a surface. This has many advantages over anything out there."

Linford and Davis said their nanoscale process could be compared to a piece of clay rolled out flat and smooth. A person with a stick in hand could then etch any shape, pattern or picture on the clay.

In actuality, the stick that carves the image is really a needle-like instrument on an Atomic Force Microscope that scribes a pattern on a silicon surface.

When the Atomic Force Microscope needle is submerged in a special chemical liquid it chemically activates the silicon surface and binds the scribed molecular pattern to the surface, creating a single stable layer of molecules.

"In tissue engineering, techniques that allow us to chemically pattern surfaces could be valuable because chemically patterned surfaces in complex ways can aid in the attachment of cells to those services," Davis said.

The needle-like tools used in the process are microns in length. One micron is 10-6 meters.

Moreover, the etched patterns are only nanometers in length and height. One nanometer is 10-9 meters.

Melinda Tonks and Katie Barnett, two physics students working with the AFM, helped put those miniscule sizes into perspective. They said that a piece of hair is roughly 50 to 100 microns thick. A nanometer, on the other hand, is roughly 10 atoms long.

Linford and Davis were quick to point out the help they received from students and graduate students to finish the project.

Brent Wacaser, who could not be reached

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Bush funds research of new fuel

By MARK NOLTE

Photo by Mark Nolte

Thomas Erekson, School of Technology director, stands by the gutted EV-1 electric car. Students have the educational capacity to test hydrogen fuel cells if given the chance.

his State of the Union address, dent George W. Bush proposed $1.2 n in research funding to aid in the opment of hydrogen-powered an initiative that would make air er and decrease the country's dency on foreign energy sources.

really believe that generations now, people will look back at us ay, 'What a bunch of wasteful peo hey burned crude oil in their es to get around,'" said Thomas is, associate professor of geology. nk if we can use technology to be stewards (of the Earth) then we to use that technology."

rry Wimmer, an economics pro said he is hesitant to support the administration in its hydrogen endeavor because history has n that when a government chooses duct to develop for the public, it ly ends up being produced with demand.

's what economists call a prema enterprise," Wimmer said. "(The nment) tends to encourage subsi on of products that capture the nation, that are spiffy, but not the cts that would come about natu as a result of consumer demand, means the taxpayers end up sub ng premature enterprises."

e two types of hydrogen cars currently under design are hydrogen fuel cell cars and cars with hydrogen-converted combustion engines similar to current car engines.

In the simplest terms, a hydrogen fuel cell engine would pass hydrogen through a membrane to pull off electrons to be used for generating electricity, said Thomas Erekson, BYU School of Technology director.

He said hydrogen fuel cells can be used to power electric cars, much like the EV-1.

No students or faculty are doing research on hydrogen engines right now, but students are prepared to work with fuel cells should an opportunity arise because they have already worked with electrical drive components that could be powered by a hydrogen fuel cell, Erekson said.

"If there is a company that wants to give us a fuel cell to test, we'd love it," Erekson said. "We've got three platforms right now that we could put a fuel

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Starving for promised deals

Controversy over card and changes in offers

By TODD HOLLINGSHEAD

The Starving Student Card is under scrutiny from cardholders who are running into problems with clients.

Students who try to redeem the deals on the Starving Student Card at Doc's Pizza already know they will only get one pizza rather than two. When customers try to bowl at Miracle Bowl or eat at Guru's they encounter even more problems.

Photo by Jack R. Peterson

"We told the people at Starving Student Card that we wouldn't offer the same deal on holidays and weekends, but they didn't print it on the card," said Ryan Woodard, manager of Miracle Bowl. "We have called them and e-mailed them, but they haven't returned our calls."

The deal listed on the card states that cardholders can receive one free game per day with one paid admission at Miracle Bowl.

Woodard said they have put up signs in the alley to warn patrons of the change.

"It seems like it happens every year with some discount card," Woodard said. "We don't want to cause an argument or a fight over a five dollar game, so we are trying to let people know before they bowl."

Many customers have been upset by the change and have gone to other bowling alleys, Woodard said.

Students have also experienced problems when they try to use the card at Guru's. Cardholders are no longer receiving the "buy one, get one free" deal offered on the card.

"They give some chips and salsa instead," said Amy Hatch, 19, a sophomore from Boise, Idaho, majoring in sociology. "It's bad because the reason I bought the card was for the Guru's deal. I love Guru's, but now I can't get the deal."

Hatch also said Guru's only offers the chips and salsa once, despite the unlimited offer on the card.

"They were really nice when I went

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BRIEFING

The world is our campus

Reuters

A Colombian woman protests Monday in front at Nogal club, in Bogota, during a demonstration against violence and a car bomb that exploded last Friday.

Colombia's defense minister hopes for aid in drug war

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Thousands of Colombians marched through the capital to protest the deadly bombing of a social club for the wealthy, urging rebels and the government to begin negotiations on ending four decades of war.

The country's defense minister planned to travel to the United States on Monday in hopes of securing more aid for Colombia's fight against drugs and terrorism, officials said.

Defense Minister Martha Lucia Ramirez's trip had been planned for months, but the bombing Friday evening will change its focus.

"This visit was scheduled months ago, but after the tragic acts of this week, the theme of terrorism will be central to the discussions,"Luis Alberto Moreno, the Colombian ambassador to the United States, told Caracol Radio Sunday.

Under Plan Colombia, the United States has given Colombia nearly $2 billion to fight the illegal narcotics industry.

More varied aid is coming to Colombia following a Congress-approved decision by the Bush administration to expand U.S. military assistance in combating the rebels.

Ramirez is scheduled to spend five days in Washington meeting with members of congress and various U.S. officials,

The government blamed members of Colombia's largest rebel group — the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — for planting the bomb, which exploded Friday night. It killed 32 people and injured 162.

Pepsi backs billion show

NEW YORK (AP) — So do you want to be a billionaire?

Michael Davies, producer of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," and the WB network are collaborating with Pepsi-Cola on a TV game in September that could net someone a billion dollars.

The plans, reported in Monday's Variety, were confirmed by two executives close to the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity.

One thousand contestants will qualify for the game by purchasing marked Pepsi products this summer. They will be whittled down to one winner through what is described as a game of nerve. The winner, as part of a two-hour live special, will have the chance at the largest prize in television history.

Although there's no guarantee that there will be a $1 billion winner, Variety said Pepsi is talking to insurers in case someone takes the prize.

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Dell dude nabbed for drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Dude! The actor who gained fame and a cult following as the slacker "Steven" in commercials for Dell computers was arrested buying a small bag of marijuana, police said.

Benjamin Curtis, a 22-year-old New York University drama student, was arraigned Monday on a misdemeanor drug possession charge. The charge assumes a suspect is not carrying more than a "use amount" — enough to roll several marijuana cigarettes.

Benjamin Curtis
actor

Police said he was arrested Sunday night on the Lower East Side after officers on a drug detail spotted him buying a small bag of marijuana from Omar Mendez, 19. Mendez faces drug sale and possession charges.

Curtis' portrayal of a surfer type who proclaims, "Dude, yer gettin' a Dell!" drove up computer sales and spawned T-shirts, caps, and backpacks, along with Web sites and online fan clubs.

Reuters

RACE AROUND THE WORLD

Britain's Robert Garside runs along the Nile in Cairo on his way through Egypt. Garside, who is attempting to be the first man to run around the globe.

Reuters

Inderjit Singh Reyat, one of three men charged in the 1985 bombing of an Air India jetliner that killed 329 people pleaded guilty Monday to manslaughter in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Suspect builds bomb

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A Sikh man who acquired the materials for a bomb that killed 329 people aboard an Air India flight in 1985 pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges Monday and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Inderjit Singh Reyat, 51, was the first of three suspects tried in what is considered Canada's worst mass murder.

Originally charged with 329 counts of first-degree murder, Reyat pleaded guilty to the same amount of manslaughter charges Monday during a unscheduled hearing.

Two other Sikh suspects still face 329 counts of first-degree murder and conspiracy.

Air India Flight 182 from Montreal to New Delhi exploded over the Atlantic Ocean near Great Britain on June 23, 1985. Most of the victims were Canadian.

An hour earlier, a bomb in baggage intended for another Air India flight exploded in Tokyo's Narita Airport, killing two baggage handlers.

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Census counts house pets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here's the truth about cats and dogs: Canines rule in American households, though just barely.

About 36 percent of homes with pets have a dog, while 32 percent of such homes have cats. Feline fanatics can take heart with this statistic: your pet sees the vet less often.

Those are just two examples from hundreds of pages of facts and figures about America found in the new Statistical Abstract of the United States, being released Tuesday by the Census Bureau.

The nearly 1,000 pages in the 122nd edition are light on words but heavy on numbers detailing life for Americans.

"We got all kinds of tidbits in here," said Glenn King, director of the staff that assembles the abstract. "It's America in numbers."

Here are some of them:

—The average cell phone call in 2001 lasted just under three minutes, and the average monthly bill ran $47.37.

—In 2000, 44 percent of adults did volunteer work, contributing an average of 15 hours per month.

—U.S. residents spent over $38 billion on lottery tickets in 2001, with about $2 of every $5 going toward instant scratch-off games.

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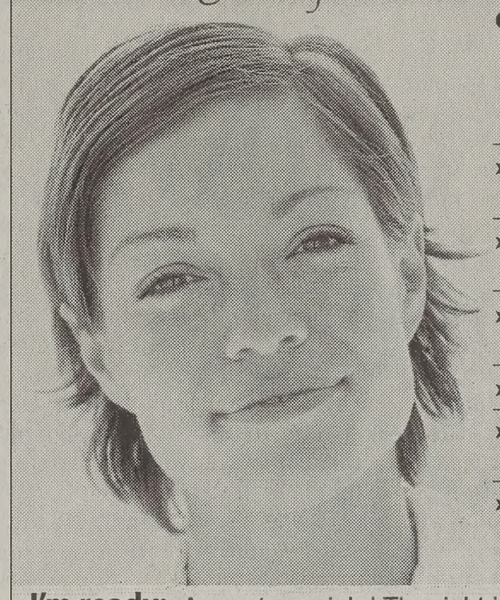

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hydrogen possible fuel for cars

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rris said the most reason-ay to make hydrogen he of is to break it down and hydrocarbons, known as il.

ther researched option to hydrogen supplies is to use electricity to split water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen elements.

If the latter process were used to fulfill Bush's proposal, petroleum geologists that hunt for oil and natural gas deposits may face job cuts.

"The job market may tighten a little bit," Morris said. "But the way I understand it is that Bush is proposing to use hydrocarbons from crude oil, or fossil fuels, because that is a ready source of the hydrogen molecule and there is an infrastructure in place in the U.S. with gas stations, pipelines and that sort of thing."

If Morris is right, petroleum geologists won't be out of work.

Gas tax, which supports the public transportation system, would also be affected if hydrogen were extracted from water instead of gasoline, said Hal Clyde, Utah Department of Transportation commissioner.

"If you put hydrogen cars on the road then gas tax will be phased out and an alternative tax will have to be addressed," Clyde said. "But transit works the same way, you will still have road deterioration and congestion. Our goal is to take people and put them on bigger transports to free up the highway."

Clyde also said he thinks the state would avail itself of any opportunity to use more efficient engines and vehicles.

Whether the hydrogen comes from water or crude oil, it is not an efficient use of energy, Allred said. Using energy to split water or break down crude oil to get hydrogen molecules extracts 40 percent of the potential energy, he said.

And even though Bush said hydrogen-powered cars produce water without exhaust fumes, Allred said crude oil processed to net hydrogen will still have carbon-oxides left over — like CO2.

"It's better to burn fuel directly," Allred said. "(Hydrogen) is not particularly well-suited for transportation since it's not compact and there is no natural source of it."

Lauren Sobieski, 19, a sophomore from Sandy majoring in microbiology echoes Allred's point of view. She is also co-president of the Eco-Response club on BYU campus.

Sobieski said she was surprised that Bush chose hydrogen to clean the air.

"There are things we could use right now that are already proven to improve air quality and reduce dependency on foreign oil that (the Bush administration) has been avoiding," Sobieski said.

Sobieski said the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards are a good example of regulations that apply to cars and clean air that have not been enforced as they should be.

Debate over gun bill ends in vote

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"I wonder if a janitor at Columbine would have had a gun, how many children's lives would have been saved?" said Sen. James Evans, R-Salt Lake.

Supporters of Arent's version said a concealed weapons permit does not guarantee that the gun owner is a good shot.

"I am not sure that I want a neighbor with a concealed weapon to pull out his gun to take care of the situation," Arent said.

Evans pointed out that no one could show a time when an individual carrying a concealed weapon had used their weapon at a school.

"There is a false conclusion that has been drawn that safety equals no guns in schools," he said. "I have heard no proof."

Opponents to the bill said the bottom line was that children's rights were being sacrificed for the rights of concealed carry permit holders.

"We want to see children protected over the rights of gun owners to take their guns places that they don't belong," Kennedy said.

Gun purchases in 2002 totaled more than 64,000 in Utah, almost double the total in 1997, according to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Utah's concealed weapons permits belonging to Utah County residents total 6,701, about 13 percent of the total permits in the state. The bureau reported Utah County had more permits than any other county except Salt Lake.

Permits can be revoked if the bureau determines the holder to be a danger to self or others, as indicated by current or past criminal activity.

From October to November of 2002, the bureau revoked 27 permits, primarily because the permit holder had a restraining order filed against them.

The date for the Senate hearing for the bill has not been set.

TECHNOLOGY

Research continues in technique

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because he is out of the country working on his doctorate, contributed to the research and analysis that made the paper possible.

"With their combined knowledge and ideas they are able to do more together than either one could do without the help of the other," said Francis Nordmeyer, chemistry department chair.

Linford and Davis met at a BYU department conference two and a half years ago.

"We started to talk, and we've been talking ever since," Linford said. "I see the world as a chemist, and Rob sees it as a physicist, and there is enough overlap in our backgrounds that we can easily communicate and bring a tremendous amount to the table."

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went in to get the buy one, for $1, but they said they ly worked on sandwiches re a dollar or cheaper," cky Jacobsen, a psycholo-gy major at Utah Valley State College. "The card said, 'of equal or lesser value' but the manager said it didn't mean that. It was so annoying that we left."

Jimmy John's is no longer in business.

The Starving Student Card franchise in Provo is one of many starving student franchises across the nation that provides fund-raisers for students.

The franchise, which claims the card pays off its $10 charge within a few transactions, has gained popularity and sold a high number of cards this year.

Starving Student boasts over $100 of free stuff with no purchase necessary, and there are many students who are happy with it.

"I use it every time I want to get something to eat," said Chris Jacobsen, 23, a junior from Decatur, Ill., majoring in zoology. "It's perfect for dates and if you can be discrete, your date will never know that you're being cheap."

Jacobsen said the few places that don't honor the deals are inconvenient, but they aren't a major problem.

"We use it all the time," Jacobsen said. "Especially the Del Taco deal. That's money!"

The Starving Student Card company has failed to return calls and e-mails from clients, cardholders and The Daily Universe.

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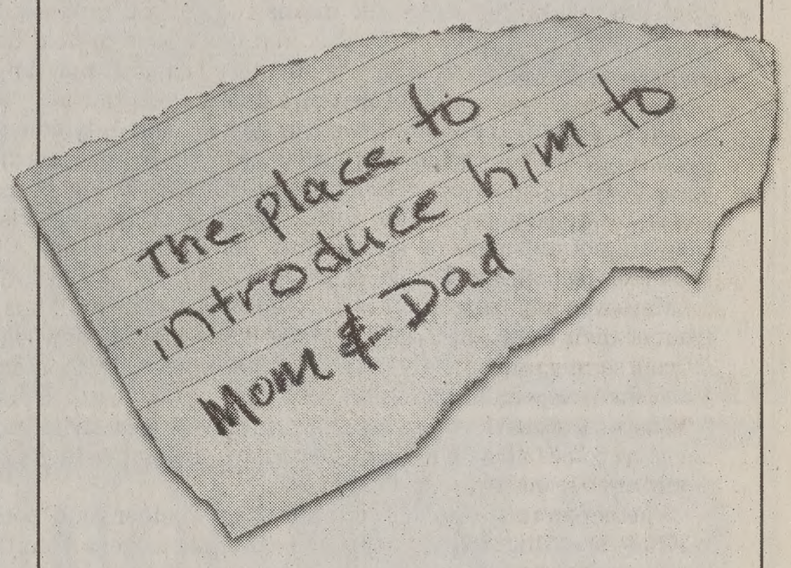

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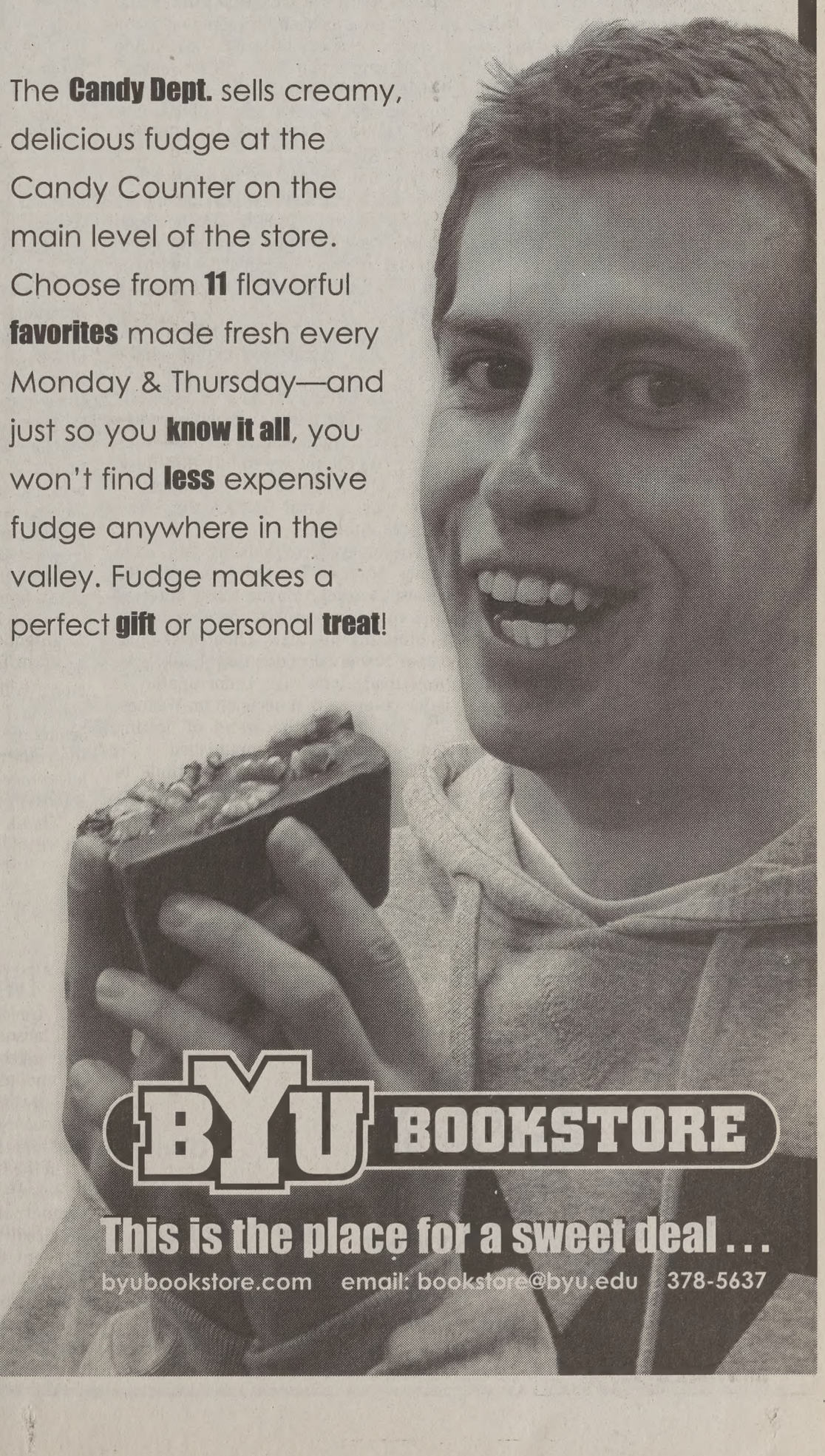

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[Editorial]

Fools rush in

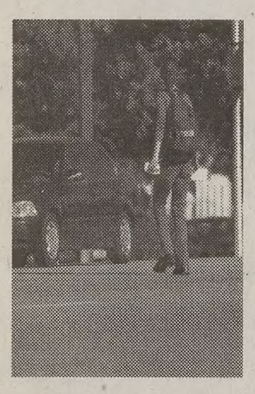
Pedestrian safety a matter of caution

Cities across the nation are concerned about pedestrian safety. Small wonder; nearly 5,000 U.S. pedestrians die in traffic accidents every year and more than ten times that number are injured.

In Salt Lake City — ranked in 2000 as one of the nation's most dangerous metropolitan areas for pedestrians — orange visibility flags, flashing warning lights, countdown timers and boldly painted "LOOK" signs have been implemented in an effort to make walking safer. More recently visibility flags have appeared at a number of intersections around campus.

We applaud community efforts to improve pedestrian safety. However, these efforts have yet to yield a statistically significant decrease in the number of pedestrian-related accidents.

Considering that some 70 percent of all pedestrian fatalities are male, it is hard to blame accidents on deficient community safety standards, which would create an environment equally dangerous to both genders.



It seems that no amount of reflective paint and gee-whiz gadgetry can replace common sense and a modicum of caution.

If we as a community wish to be "pedestrian friendly," we're going to have to remember what our mothers taught us about walking and driving.

For starters, look both ways before you cross the street; red means stop; if you can't see them, they can't see you. You don't have to hold hands while crossing the street — though it may improve your odds of getting a date to Preference.

Once we have these down, we can move community education on to more advanced topics like the orange crossing flags. According to Feet First, a pedestrian advocacy group, the orange flags should be used "to stop traffic before stepping off the curb." The flags do increase visibility, but they are not talismans of invincibility, nor do they exempt a pedestrian from looking both ways before crossing.

Moreover, nighttime motorists may not see the flag until it is directly in front of their headlights, when stopping safely may already be impossible. Of course, any proper use of these flags presupposes that motorists understand their responsibility to stop.

There is probably no governing principle of pedestrian safety, but if someone comes up with a catchy way to say, "Being in a hurry can kill," it would at least make an excellent slogan.

Whether you are a motorist or pedestrian, whether your "pet sin" is jaywalking, speeding, rolling stops, unloading passengers from the turning lane or just being plain oblivious to those around you, take a moment to slow down

It could save your life ... or someone else's.

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AS I SEE IT By CLAY JO

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VIEWPOINT

Dropping the ball

Student dribbles around sport rules

By JARED COWLEY

LeBron James, the nation's top high school basketball player, was officially welcomed back to basketball Wednesday.

Summit County, Ohio Judge James R. Williams issued a temporary restraining order that will allow James to resume his high school basketball career, which was terminated last week, after sitting out one game.

By turning a blind eye to James' infractions, Williams also gave unspoken clearance to James to break the rules that govern high school athletics.

Those rules state clearly that athletes may not capitalize "on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value." James has been guilty of dribbling around those rules for a long time.

Two weeks ago James, who is expected to be the No. 1 pick in next summer's NBA Draft, accepted two vintage sports jerseys valued at $845 from a local store in exchange for two photos of the athlete that would later hang in the store.

After learning of the infraction, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) stripped James of his eligibility to play high school basketball.

James later told reporter and former NFL superstar Deion Sanders that he thought the storeowner was giving him the jerseys to reward him for good grades (James reportedly earned a 3.5 GPA).Congratulations to James on the good grades, but accepting those jerseys was still illegal.

Critics have derided the OHSAA for waiting so long to bust James. He'd been dipping into the forbidden pot of money and gifts long before he accepted those jerseys.

The most public example was the $50,000 Hummer H2 sport utility vehicle his mother, who is currently unemployed, purchased him for his 18th birthday. Granted, a bank did give his mother the loan, so everything was legal.

But that wasn't James' first offense. James has shoes provided for him by Adidas that have LJ23 (his initials and uniform number) embroidered on them. He wears a specialized Nike wristband during games that reads, "King James." Those items are supposedly included in package deals Nike and Adidas have with James' school and high school basketball team.

Nike and Adidas are in a fierce bidding war right now to sign James to a sneaker contract after he finishes high school. Providing him shoes and wristbands through a contracted deal with his school is nothing more than a slippery loophole.

Other offenses by James haven't been so carefully designed to slip through the cracks of high school rules and sanctions. Everywhere James goes he is fully equipped with wireless phones, pagers and a Palm Pilot. Neither James nor his family has the money to buy him those things, but everyone always looked the other way ... until OHSAA did something about it.

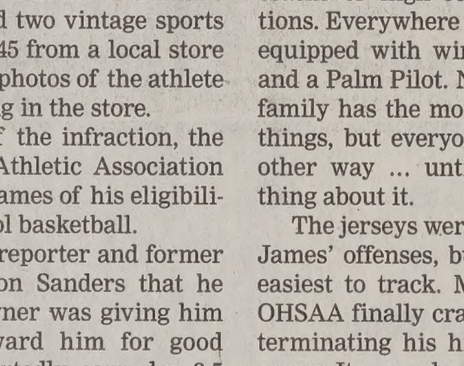
The jerseys were probably the least of James' offenses, but they were also the easiest to track. Maybe that's why the OHSAA finally cracked down on James, terminating his high school basketball career. It was a decision that should have been made long ago. Unfortunately, a judge reversed that decision on Wednesday, continuing the trend of letting James' infractions go unpunished.

Meanwhile, James will continue to feign innocence. Some will cast him as the victim. "Kids make mistakes, right?"

Wrong. Let's be realistic. Every time James accepted something from someone without paying for it, he knew it was wrong.

After all, he earned a 3.5 GPA. He's a smart kid. He should know better.

A DIFFERENT VIEW By BOB GORRELL



Correction

Thursday's viewpoint article "Bittersweet symphony: MP3 lawsuits overplayed" was written by student Kenneth Pike and not Chris Seifert.

[Readers' Forum]

Jeers for the block

I am required to have the Internet to function as a college student, but I have found that researching for any sort of project is a nightmare because BYU has chosen a system of blocking almost every site on the Internet.

Pictures sent from home of my mother (which, unless I've been remarkably ignorant of her hobbies, show her clothed) are deemed pornographic. I can also forget downloading anything from a shared network because that's obviously going to undermine my testimony.

Force us to use the Internet, urge us to become paperless, but make us pay $12.30 a month for it and don't let us have any control over what Web sites we are allowed to see? Not fair, BYU.

For some, the risk of pornography is so great that a porn-blocker is necessary, but going to a pornographic Web site takes a conscious effort on the computer user's part. If students have urges to investigate, they're attending the wrong school.

There needs to be a new system and there needs to be one now. Were this service free (and were the on-campus computer labs accessible during peak hours), I would gladly accept the downtimes and the extremely restrictive viewing, but I'm paying for this.

I dare you to keep the Ethernet working 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I dare you to give us more freedom — to trust us to obey the Honor Code on which this school thrives. I dare you to give us access.

JENNIFER DIFFLEY
Murrieta, Calif.

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Coach cheers fans

I am writing to thank all the fans who have come to watch the men's volleyball matches in the past few weeks. As coach of the team I can tell you that it is a great home court advantage to play in front of the best crowd in NCAA volleyball.

Many coaches and players have told me this is the hardest place to play a match if you are the visiting team. I would also say it is the best place to play for the home team. I am sure many points have been won because of the crowd. The momentum that the fans generate for the team is unbelievable.

We have a good men's volleyball team and I hope all the fans enjoy themselves when they come to watch a match. For any of you who have not witnessed a men's volleyball match, I invite you to come and experience the excitement of seeing the Cougars play the top teams in the country each week. It's not only an advantage to us, but I think you will find it most entertaining.

Thank you all for being the best crowd and fans in the country.

TOM PETERSON
Provo

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Two-wheel drive

I have an issue that I feel needs to be addressed in relation to on-campus traffic and parking: Motorbikes. Consider the advantages of motorcycles, mopeds and scooters, both to the individual student and to the community.

In the first place, they are significantly less expensive than their four-wheel counterparts. They use very little gas, thus reducing the pollution to the environment while helping to alleviate the worldwide problems that stem from the oil industry. Several motorbikes can fit in the space of a single car stall, helping to reduce the traffic and parking congestion on campus.

Yet BYU is not doing enough to encourage the use of motorbikes among the student body. Anyone who passes by the motorbike Y lot between the Tanner building and the ASB can vouch for the fact that it is never close to full, even though its spots are closer to the buildings than most faculty car stalls. The motorbike parking area east of the Wilkinson Center requires no permit, yet I never fail to find an open stall there.

Notwithstanding, they plan to increase the permit fees for motorbikes.

I propose that the administration encourage the use of motorbikes among the student community by eliminating the requirement to have a permit in order to park in any motorbike lot on campus. In addition, the areas in parking lots that are closest to the buildings should be converted to motorbike parking stalls.

One final word of advice to the bikers out there: Got a brain? Wear a helmet. I have heard that the heart transplant industry is driven by those who do not take necessary safety precautions when they ride their motorbikes.

To those who drive cars to and from campus, I ask that you be considerate of the bikers out there. After all, we are helping to keep a parking stall free for you when you get to campus.

MICHAEL HALCROW
Lancaster, Calif.

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It's fine with us

At BYU we have a raging debate over parking passes and bus privileges. It would be just for those who rode the bus to pay for it. It would be merciful for those who drove cars to offset the cost of the UTA plan. However, we feel there is another way for justice and mercy to be satisfied: Fines.

Fines would not only generate money to pay for the UTA bus pass, but would allow the owners of cars to pay the current $15 price. Since the fines administered at BYU are not sufficient to generate funds for this massive undertaking, we have compiled a list of suggested fines as an alternative to pay for the bus service and parking stickers.

1. Devotional Fine: $10 fine for n to the devotional and $5 for not at a forum.
2. Late Fees: The late fees in the center would be raised to $8.32. tion, we would begin charging l for coming to class late and arriv for sporting events. Fines are for being late to church.
3. Cell Phone Fine: A $20 fee w given for any cell phone that class. An additional $5 would b for anyone who answers.
4. Fountain Fine: A $5 fee assessed for anyone filling up bottle in the tall drinking founta
5. "Choose not to Give" Fine: who does not "choose to give" fined. The fine will be determ what type of car he drives.
6. Slow Moving Violation: Anyo clogs the walking lanes betwee will be fined up to $50.
7. The Immodesty Fine: $3 for ev of skin that shows of the midri belly, up to $8. Certain people fined for poor taste in clothing a
8. Random Boot fine: This fine w just for fun. The University enforcement could randomly cars to boot and then charge stu remove the boot. (Hey, every does it.)

Having and enforcing the would not only generate mo would also force us to be good.

Of course, the way to implen system is to send out a campu mail informing the students changes. If we did it in the fo survey, no one would respond an would be law. Anyone who d with or deleted the universit would, of course, be fined.

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Winter blunder-l

What is wrong with admitt you're cold? With the sudden de temperature comes the appeara strange creature. Unfortuna appears every year for all of c gaze upon and wonder, "Why?"

Who is this you might ask? I the "I'm not cold" guy. You all k he is. He's the one rolling arou pus in the numbing weather wi and a T-shirt.

Don't waste your time ask why he does this because I'll what he'll say, since the answe has been and always will be th ing: "This isn't cold, I'm from (or any other state that borde da)." Maybe he thinks he's cool but the reality is he's an idiot.

Put on some clothes like th us. There is nothing wrong w and a jacket in the dead of w one will think less of you. In fa be normal.

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ABOUT LETTERS

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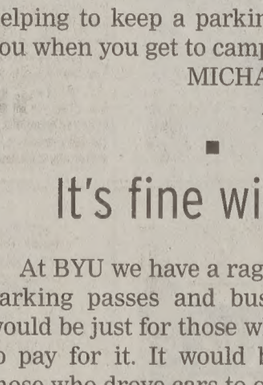
[Scripture]

Of the Day

"Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lea the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers."



David Mouritsen

Mouritsen, 22, a junior from Vacaville, Calif., majoring in computer scienc this scripture because "a lot of times things happen that I don't understan know that the Lord can lead me by the hand and help me out if I let him."

awmaker hopes to open aucus meetings to public

MATTHEW CLAYTON

T LAKE CITY — A new t would change the way aucus meetings are con- in Utah is facing stark ion in the House.

Utah State Rules Committee signed House Bill 52 to a committee last week, the new legislation up islative and public cri-

nally, it is against the sunshine laws for any making meeting to be ed in private. However, aucus meetings have been from those state open laws. The new bill would that.

Scott Daniels, D-Salt who formally worked as a trict judge, stressed that loophole in the sunshine allowing Utah Republi- make major decisions the contributions of Democrats.

s no secret that Republi- ve a strong majority in ate and in the House," said.

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> **Rep. Scott Daniels**
> D-Salt Lake

Now that House Bill 52 is out of the rules committee, it has been assigned to the Judicial Committee, a standing committee in the House and the public will have a chance to weigh in on the controversial legislation.

"A standing committee is a public hearing where people can come and voice their opinions," Daniels said. "But even there it will need to gain a majority vote before it will ever reach the floor."

Rep. Calvin Bird, R-Springville said he is not in agreement with the bill.

"I argue for and believe in open meeting and sunshine laws," he said, "but at the same time I've got to tell you that I'm not ready to say that the caucus meetings should be open."

Earlier in the session legislators heard a long discussion from Jake Garn, former U.S. Senator and space shuttle astronaut, where he explained that nothing would ever be accomplished if lawmakers are not able to go into a closed caucus sometimes.

Daniels explained that it is "not that you're trying to hide anything, but sometimes in order to get people to really say what they feel and not be afraid to be quoted. It helps to have a private forum."

Daniels, too, said he understands the importance of having agenda-setting time as a party; however, he also worries that "when elected representatives in the majority meet in large enough groups to form a quorum, they are basically passing legislation."

"The vote will eventually have to be made in public, and everything will have to be disclosed," Jake Garn said at the start of the session.

Garn went on to warn that tampering with a constitutionally protected meeting will not advance the efficiency of the legislative session and is totally counter to good public policy.

"I think it would slow down our process of making laws," Bird said. "Utah is already in the minority of states with a part-time legislature, and if we make it more difficult to get legislation through, I don't know if we could stay a part-time legislature, and I'd hate to see us be a full-time legislature, to be honest."

House Bill 52 was on Thursday's agenda for the Judicial Committee but was rescheduled for Monday morning when it was held for later consideration.

Bill seeks to limit abortion funding

By STACEY REED

The Utah Legislature proposed an abortion-related bill last week that will reexamine and possibly amend Utah's abortion policy.

"As we near the Roe v. Wade 30-year mark, it is a good time to renew the debate against abortions that have been allowed to happen," said Rep. J. Morgan Philpot, R-Salt Lake, and sponsor of House Bill 123.

Philpot proposed a bill that would ban all state taxes going toward abortion, except in cases where the mother's life is threatened.

However, he said some amendments might still be made to the bill if it conflicts with federal Medicaid law.

Federal Medicaid, composed of state and federal funds, supports abortions for low-income mothers. The Medicaid policy requires states to provide funds for cases of life endangerment, rape and incest.

"The courts have held that as long as federal government is willing to commit its share, then the state has no other choice but to pay for the three circumstances," said Doug Springmeyer, assistant attorney general who represents the Utah health department.

Philpot is challenging that standard by trying to stop the state funding for abortions, which nears a constitutional amendment made in Colorado.

In 1984, Colorado decided by citizen initiative that abortions can only be performed when the mother's life is threatened. The only challenge to the law was whether it must include rape and incest situations.

Philpot said he is still unsure whether the Colorado amendment was overturned for those cases, if so, the Utah bill may need to include rape and incest as well.

The bill, as it is now drafted, does not include those circumstances and concerns have been voiced to the sponsor for some changes, Springmeyer said.

"I believe the sponsor will be responsive to our suggestions," he said.

Gayle Ruzicka, president of Utah Eagle Forum, said in situations of rape and incest, people need to be sensitive, but any life that has potential to live should live.

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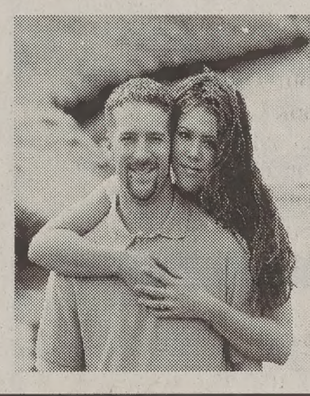
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ns spend $1.4 billion for related activities each cording to the U.S. Fish life Service.

ife related activities like hunting and wildlife g are relatively inexpen- aid Bob Walters, the coordinator for the ment of Wildlife es. Enthusiasts spend on other things during related activities, he

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ent economic conditions bably been a large factor umber of wildlife watch- ters and fishers in Utah, said. Because they have ey to spend, they choose activities, but are still money along the way,

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ife enthusiasts spend nately $700 million more ers in Utah each year, unt for 33 percent of the on in travel and tourism pending in the state.

udget for the Utah Divi- Wildlife Resources was nately $52 million last d Greg Sheehan, finan- nager for Division of Resources. He expects ll receive the same his year, he said.

wildlife enthusiasts state should do more to Utah's valuable

k the wildlife agencies r funded," said Jericho Whiting, 23, a senior from Payson, majoring in wildlife biology and former president of the BYU Wildlife and Range club.

In relation to the amount of money wildlife related activities generate little is spent on preserving and managing wildlife habitat, he said.

Despite the apparent lack of funding, wildlife watching is a good family activity, Whiting said.

"There are a lot of activities right here around BYU and it's relatively inexpensive," he said.

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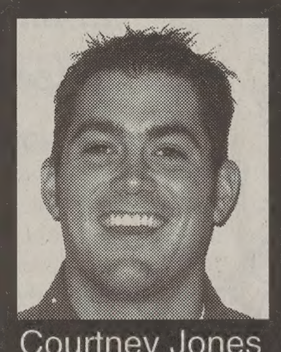

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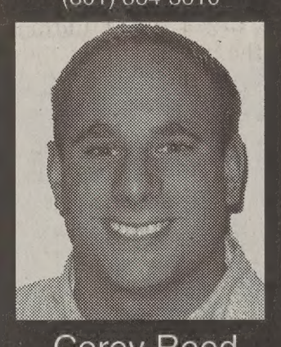

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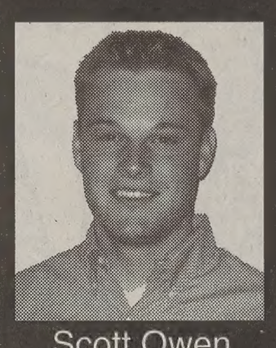

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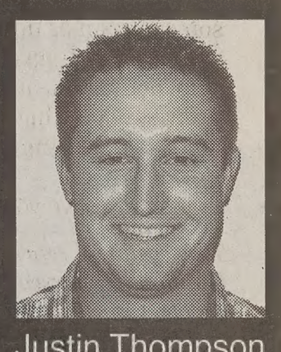

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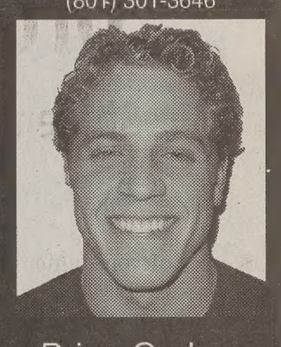

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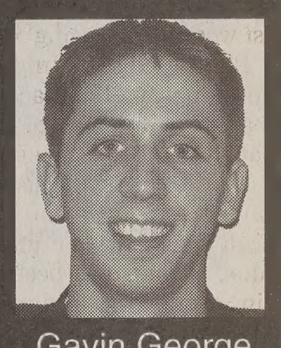

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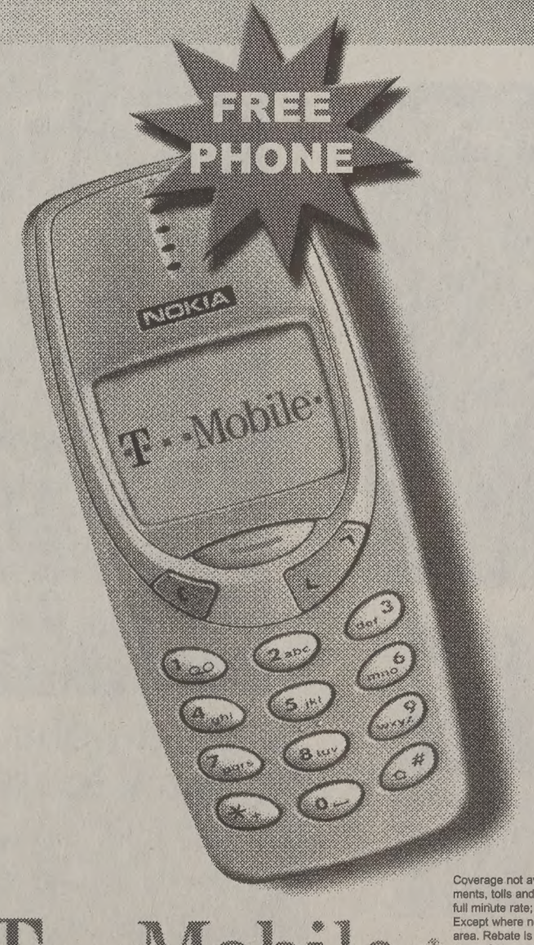

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CAMPUS Calendar

TUESDAY

The Black Student Union will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 3223 WSC.

Julia Heinen and Sheri Raynor, will perform a **piano and clarinet duet** in the Madsen Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Swing Kids Lessons will be in WSC Ballroom at 7 p.m. for intermediate or advanced members only. Admission is free.

Elder F. Melvin Hammond of the First Quorum of the Seventy will speak at Tuesday's Devotional in the Marriott Center at 11:05 a.m.

Registration for **summer sports and dance camp** begins. Call 378-8925 for more information.

The BYU Counseling Center will have a communications workshop in Room 2562 WSC at 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. various booths in the WSC terrace will be available to test your fitness and health levels in connection with **Wellness Day**.

Group For New Music will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Grimm Tales, a performance by BYU's Young Company, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Nelke Theatre Wednesday and Thursday. Admission is $12 ($3 off with student I.D.).

A Counseling and Career Center seminar about women and careers will be at 10 a.m. in Room 2562 WSC.

Her excellency, Elena Borislavova, **Bulgarian ambassador** to the United States will speak at the Kennedy Center's International Forum at 12 p.m. in Room 238 HRCB.

THURSDAY

The Orpheus Wind Quartet will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Admission is free.

A ballet concert, **"Classical vs. Contemporary,"** will be at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Admission is $10 ($2 off with student I.D.).

Jacqueline Thursby will speak at 12 p.m. in Room 325 SWKT as part of the **Women's Research Institute** lecture series.

J. Arden Hopkin will give a **vocal concert** at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum of Art Auditorium. Admission is free.

The A Cappella Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 2015 JKHB.

David B. Wirthlin, former MTC president, will speak at the Missionary Prep Club meeting at 11 a.m. in Room 151 of the TNRB.

Storytelling Night will be at 7 p.m. in the Varsity Theater. Admission is $3.

The **women's basketball** will play at Wyoming at 7 p.m.

Two hundred vocalists and 90 instrumentalists from BYU-Idaho will perform **"Visions of Light and Truth"** at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Admission is $9 ($3 off with student I.D.).

FRIDAY

"Evening With Elvis" will be at 8 p.m. in the WSC Ballroom.

The **men's basketball** will play at UNLV at 7:30 p.m.

Spring Preference will begin at 8 p.m.

The **diving team** will compete against Stanford at 1 p.m. at the RB pools.

SATURDAY

Albanian Club Presentation will begin at 6 p.m. in Room 3088 JKHB.

Dr. Sharon E. Rush from the University of Florida will speak about **white adoption of African American children** at 11 a.m. in Room 3380 WSC. Admission is free.

Spring Preference will begin 8 p.m.

The **women's basketball** will play Colorado State at 3 p.m.

The **African American Children's Fair** will begin at 1 p.m. in the Garden Court WSC.

Erie Mills and Jeffrey Peterson will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Admission is $9 ($3 off with student I.D.).

The **Provo Ice Cats** will play USU at 7:30pm at the Seven Peaks Ice Arena.

Cronyism subject of new study

BYU, MIT professors publish research of Malaysian markets

By MARISSA WIDDISON

According to a new study by BYU and MIT researchers, when it comes to the Malaysian stock market, it's not what you know, but who you know that counts.

The idea of favoring friends and political allies is known as cronyism and was the focus of a study co-authored by BYU Professor Todd Mitton and MIT Professor Simon Johnson.

Mitton and Johnson found that cronyism impacted Malaysian company stock values. Companies with political connections regained stock value much more quickly than other companies after the East Asian economic crisis of the late 1990s.

"We found that during the crisis, companies with political connections experienced a much stronger rebound in their stock prices than companies that didn't have these connections," Mitton said.

Mitton earned a doctorate in corporate finance from MIT in 1999. It was there he met Simon Johnson, who was one of his professors.

Mitton said a mutual interest in the financial crises of Asia united him with Johnson, and they decided to collaborate on a study that built on Mitton's doctoral dissertation.

"One thing that fascinated me was capital controls," Mitton said. "We went from there."

Capital controls were used by the Malaysian government to combat the effects of slumping economics. Basically, capital controls limit the flow of money out of the country and provide officials with more resources to give to their friends.

"During the first part of the crisis, politically connected firms in Malaysia lost about $60 billion in market value," Mitton said. "When capital controls were implemented by the Malaysian government in September 1998, companies with close ties to (Prime Minister) Mahathir gained about $5 billion in market value in that one month."

The study is the result of four years worth of work. Research included finding information on political connections, analyzing stock price movements and using a statistical regression analysis program to compare the stock performance of those who had connections with the prime minister and those who did not.

Mitton and Johnson knew the work had paid off when they were contacted in January of 2002 by The Journal of Financial Economics and told their study would be published.

"We didn't celebrate too much," Mitton said.

The study appears in the February issue of Financial Economics.

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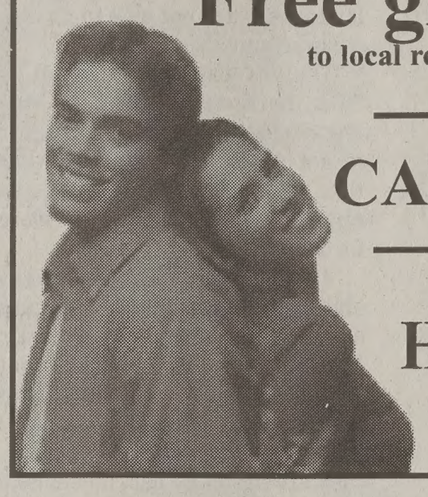

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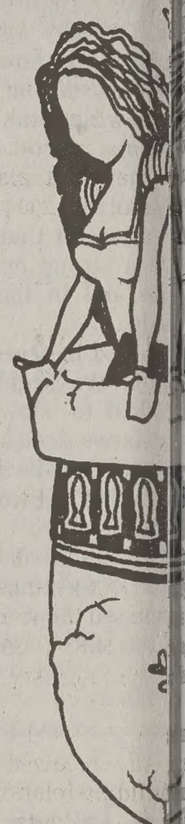

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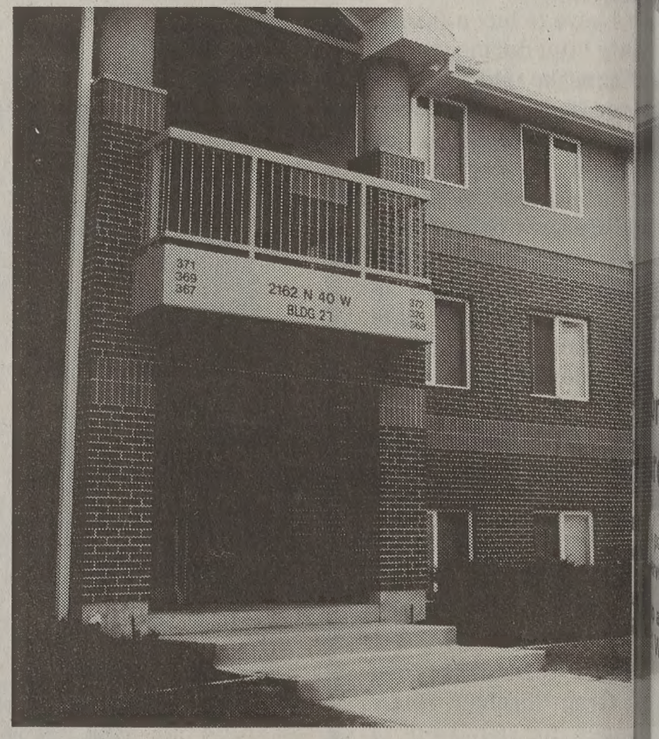

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...ew top 10 list helps students keep curfew

EMILIE CASSAN

...bers of the Student Hon-...ciation have started pass-... their "Top Ten Ways to ...Person Out by Curfew" ...s to students living in ...proved housing.

...i Wunder, 23, a senior ...kalani, Hawaii, majoring ...ce and the vice-president ... said members of faculty ...ers mentioned to SHA ...re is a small problem with ...idents not obeying curfew ...ted them to focus on the ...

...something that we need ...bout, and we just want to ... that among everyone," ... said. "This is a fun and ...ay to remind everyone ...ay, we do have a curfew,' ...ough it may not seem like ...al, it is really big."

...et the word out, Wunder ...SHA members began dis-...g the "Top-10" magnets to ...d-approved housing com-...uch as King Henry, Glen-...viera and others at 11 ...turday and planned to ... until the 200-plus mag-nets were gone.

The magnets give 10 ways to tell someone to leave an apartment before curfew. Some suggestions include: "Well, I think it's time to go ... Oh wait, I live here," "Hold the door open and sing 'Choose the Right'" and "Tell them it is time for a DTR."

SHA'S Top 10
curfew phrases

1. Tell them it is time for a DTR.
2. Bring out the mission pictures and family videos.
3. Tell them your roommate works for SHA.
4. "The Holy Ghost went to bed and I need to, too."
5. Hold the door open and sing "Choose The Right."
6. "Leave now and never come back!" *-Gollum, The Lord of the Rings*
7. "Well I think it's time to go...Oh wait, I live here."
8. "Big gulps, huh?...Well, see you later." *-Lloyd, Dumb and Dumber*
9. Tell them to make like an egg and scramble.
10. "Don't let the door hit you on the way out."

Ezinne Ojukwu, 21, a junior from Albany, N.Y., majoring in marriage, family and human development and member of SHA, said the curfew problem is a serious one, but the ideas on the magnets help students deal with it in a fun way.

"A lot of times, you want to follow the Honor Code, but it's hard to tell somebody, 'Oh, it's time for you to go now,' so we just wanted to make it easier," she said. "It's a fun way to tell people, 'It's time for you to go.'"

Ojukwu and Donna Hydrick, 24, a junior from Honolulu, Hawaii, majoring in civil engineering, said many students to whom they gave magnets thought the ideas were funny and, overall, they received a good response.

"One guy said, 'Oh, this is funny,' but, when we first gave it to him, he dropped his jaw," Ojukwu said.

Others, they said, were more reluctant to accept the magnet.

"Some people shy away from it when they see what it is," Hydrick said.

SHA hopes the magnets will help students to not only get people out by curfew, but to help other students with other important issues.

"I think that it is one of the hardest things to tell your friends that what they are doing is something wrong," Hydrick said. "So, hopefully, through the magnets people will get an idea that it's OK to tell your friends that, 'Hey, I need you out.' And hopefully, that will domino into other aspects of the Honor Code, like modesty for instance. If you can tell someone, 'Hey, I need you out' by curfew time, maybe you won't be ashamed to walk up to someone, especially your friend, and say 'Hey, that's not appropriate.'"

Members of SHA plan to set up booths and present firesides on campus to help students understand and respect curfew and other Honor Code issues in the next coming weeks.

"We're going to flood the community with the gospel of the magnets," Ojukwu said.

Elder Hammond to talk

By SARA JANE RICHARDSON

Elder F. Melvin Hammond of the First Quorum of the Seventy will speak at today's Devotional in the Marriott Center.

Currently, Elder Hammond is serving in the Young Men's General Presidency and as president of the North America Northwest Area of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Before serving as a general authority, Elder Hammond served eight terms in the Idaho State Legislature, working as the minority leader for three of those terms.

He also taught religion at Ricks College (currently BYU-Idaho).

Elder Hammond has also served as president of the Bolivia, Cochabamba Mission, as a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy and as president of the Mexico South Area of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder Hammond's talk will be broadcast on KBYU-TV and heard on the radio on KBYU-FM. Audio transmission will also be available at www.byubroadcasting.org.

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... RAs like Okerlund live ...ful and demanding life, ...t to deal with younger ... because the rewards of ...make it worth the sacri-...g an RA is so amazing ... I get a chance to see ...nderful girls learn and ...become these amazing ... said Ari Wuthrich, 20, ... from Scottsdale, Ariz., ...g in public relations. ...wonderful, not only for ...ership experience, but ...become a part of their ...

...ding the benefits of the ...rlund said, "It's a price-...rience. It's a hard expe-...ou get very emotionally ... I don't know if I have ...e anything as worth-...ning emotionally ... takes time, said Ben-...raver, 22, a sophomore ...Paso, Texas, majoring in pre-business. If he didn't care about the job, he said, he could complete his weekly duties in about 10 hours, but because he does care, it has become a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week job.

Photo by Deanne Norton

Benjamen Traber is an RA in M Smith Hall of Heritage Halls.

The difference in maturity between the RAs and the freshmen can cause problems.

Sometimes when dealing with the students, Okerlund said she forgets what life was like when she was a freshman. When she remembers, she is more empathetic toward the freshmen.

"You learn more in the dorms the first year than you could ever hope to learn in a classroom," Okerlund said. "It comes from living on your own for a year and learning to take care of yourself and be responsible."

Contest gives students real world experience

By ANDREA J. CANDRIAN

Seniors majoring in information technology got a taste Monday of the real world.

The students presented their senior project proposals in teams to members of the Industrial Advisory Board who evaluated the proposals and let the students know if they would receive funding in a real world situation.

The IAB members who appraised the proposals are former graduates of the IT program, and people who work in the technology industry.

"These are people who are working in the industry doing what our graduates will be doing," said Barry Lunt, professor for the senior projects course. "So, they're the best thing to reality that we can find."

The presentations take place once a year for graduating seniors. This year, however, it is taking place twice because of the large number of graduates, said Lunt. Members of the IAB brought donations to award the winners, he said.

"That money will be matched by the university and will be given back to the students for the projects that are the winners," he said.

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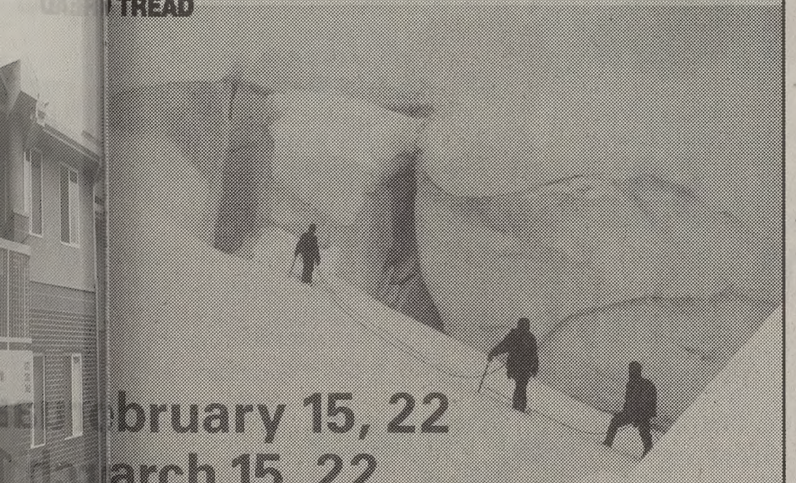

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Ballet mixes classical with comtempory in showca

By ERICA SOELBERG

BYU's "Theatre Ballet" will perform classical and contemporary pieces in its "Ballet Showcase" Feb. 13-15 in the de Jong Concert Hall.

"The first act is a repertoire show that showcases the talent of the dancers," said Jennie Creer-King, the artistic director of Theatre Ballet. "The second act features 'Goldilocks' Adventure.'"

Jenny Bawden, 22, from Scottsdale, Ariz., majoring in ballet, said this is definitely a jam-packed performance.

The grand pas de deux, a dance with partner work and solos from the classical ballet "Gisselle," is performed in the first act by Travis Chant, from Mesa, Ariz. and his partner, Lindsey Brown.

"Gisselle is one of the first white tutu ballets ever done," Bawden said, "It's a very old, classical, famous piece."

Chant uses his 10 years of classical training for pieces like "Gisselle," but later in the show demonstrates a different type of dance.

"My friends taught me how to break-dance in high school," Chant said.

After performing the classical piece, "Giselle," Chant break-dances to the beat of air guitar music in "Jammin' Classical."

Marsha Russell, a ballet teacher at BYU, said "Jammin Classical" is a tutu ballet with point shoes put to the pop-violin music of Vanessa-Mae.

It is a fun piece that has some surprises, Russell said.

Bawden said Creer-King, the choreographer of "Jammin' Classical," wanted the idea of a concert pianist who sits down and all of a sudden starts jamming out on the piano

"That's the same feel she wants with our technique," Bawden said. "We're out there with this music and all the sudden we start jamming."

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> **Jennie Creer-King**
> Artistic director of Threatre Ballet

Jan Dijkwel, an artistic director for "Theatre Ballet" also created a more contemporary piece, Bawden said.

"It will make the audience think a little bit," Bawden said.

Jose Costas, guest choreographer and former principle dancer with the Ballet Hispanica of New York, choreographed "Imagenes y Reflejos."

"The soloist has a modern feel with a classical chore behind," Bawden said. "It's all about images and reflections."

There is tons of variety in this show, said Bawden, who plays Goldilocks. This performance required the cooperation of many BYU departments.

"It was a multidisciplinary collaboration in the University," Creer-King said. " Several entities were working to put it together."

The set for "Goldilocks' Adventure" was brought to life by Doug Ellis, Creer-King said.

"The set looks like something you would see in Disneyland," Creer-King said. "They are oversized characterized sets that reflect cartoon images."

The costumes were designed and made by Russell.

"The costumes designed for Goldilocks are absolutely delightful," Creer-King said.

The Devorak music, which was thoroughly researched by Creer-King, incorporated the work of a sound designer to create special effects in the music.

"This is the only ballet I know of that incorporates surround sound," Creer-King said.

"Goldilocks' Adventure" is also an original plot.

"It only exists at BYU," Creer-King said. "The children will love it."

The story involves a fairy princess, butterfly bailerinas, flower fairies, a little girl named Goldilocks and, of course, the three bears.

This contemporary versus classical ballet showcase is a 1 1/2 hour program including a 15-minute intermission.

The age limit is now 4 years old instead of 6.

We did this so younger children can be exposed to ballet, Creer-King said.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Harris Fine Arts ticket office.

Admission is $10 for the general public and $8 with a BYU student ID.

BYU's Threatre Ballet will perfo... showcase ballet this week in th... conert hall.

Web site ranks mollys

By MICHAEL LAVERTY

If students could rate their friends using the "Johnny Lingo" rating system, how many cows would they be worth?

This is what new Provo based hotmollys.com social Web site is asking Latter-day Saint youth nationwide.

"Inspired by the movie 'Johnny Lingo,' we realized that Johnny Lingo's cow rating philosophy best captures what Molly Rate is all about," said Dave Mink, one of four creators of the hotmollys.com Web site.

Along with former mission buddies Chris Handy, Chris Bennett and friend Patrick Bennett, Mink created the first LDS rating system Web site on which viewers can, among other things, rate how aesthetically pleasing are the people who post their pictures on the site.

Hotmollys.com opened Jan. 1, 2003, and since then some students have been getting some big laughs out of the Web site's features.

"I think 'Johnny Lingo' is one of my all time favorite movies, and its fun to see people using its rating system rather than calling a girl or a guy hot or something derogatory," said Scott Holt, 22, a sophomore from Preston, Idaho, majoring in marketing communications.

Last year Mink did a research project on online dating and found Utahns to be three times more likely to use an Internet dating service than people from any other state. He also found males in general are more concerned with what other guys think of the girls they date, and girls are more concerned with the spirituality in guys they date.

A perfect solution, Mink said, is an LDS Web site rating system.

"We want to change the perception people have on Internet dating sites," Mink said. "This site is more of a resource – a place where you can talk to your peers and find out what's going on in the community."

Along with profile rating, hotmollys.com conducts contests for those who post their pictures on the site.

"In January we gave free DVDs to the top three rated girls and the top three rated guys," Mink said.

The site also has a chat system feature and a calendar of local church events and parties that students say are going to be valuable.

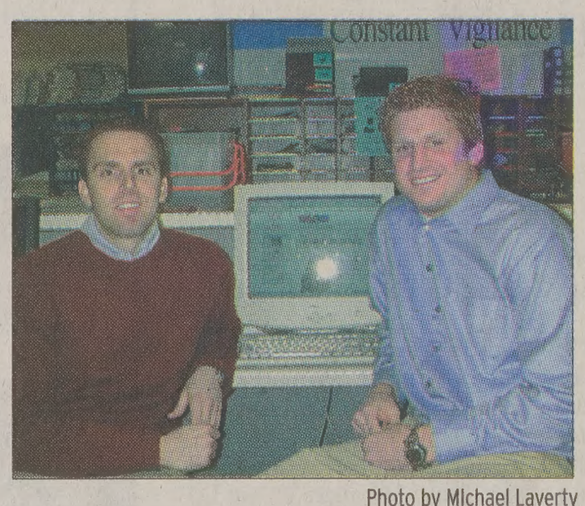


Photo by Michael Laverty

BYU students Dave Mink and Chris Bennett are two of the creators of Hotmollys.com.

"A lot of students are looking for things to do around here," Holt said. "A lot of students spend time on the Internet, so this would be beneficial to them because they could find what parties are planned that will have people going with similar interests."

Creators of the site aim to bring national recognition to hotmollys.com.

"We really want to be the biggest online resource site for LDS youth," Mink said. "We want it to become a household name for the LDS culture."

The site also aims at providing the 18-26 crowd with a means to communicate socially with each other.

"It's fun and entertaining," Mink said. "It really can be valuable because if you are organizing a dance you can let everyone know about it, or if you just moved here and didn't have any friends, you could get on the site and make contacts in an instant."

Mink said he wants people who go to the site to be impressed.

"We don't want people to think that by joining hotmollys they are desperate or don't know how to meet people any other way," Mink said. "The site is designed as a resource for LDS youth who want to meet people, organize events, chat with each other and show off their talents."

Students weigh in on 'Jonny Lingo' sy...

By BRITTANY WISCOMBE

Students are told to look on the heart of others, but good looks are much more appealing.

Many students think hotmollys.com is inappropriate for a BYU environment.

"I think it is absolutely ridiculous," said Keera Bench, 20, from Boulder, Colo., a psychology major. "It does nothing. It doesn't show who a person is or what they have accomplished."

Other students think the Web site is a fun transition to incorporate LDS Internet dating.

"All my friends did hotornot.com by putting their pictures on the site, and they met some cool BYU girls to hang out with," said Jared Evans, 18, from Orem, a pre-management major. "It's a fun way to meet new people, especially with the same standards."

Many young women said Web sites such as hotmollys.com only reinforce the negative stereotype portrayed in the media.

Creators of the Web site said men are more concerned with what other guys think of th... date.

Some students said the Web site is d... toward those who participate – especiall...

"I can see how this Web site could b... to women," said Sean Reed, 21, from Au... majoring in psychology. "This is just ... source where women can compare th... each other."

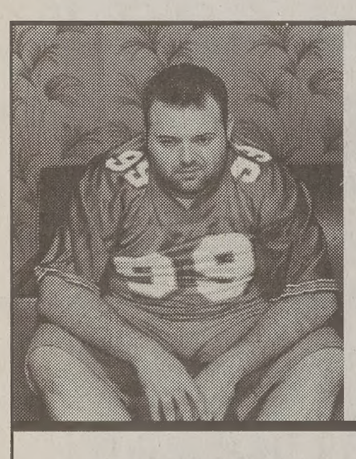
Some students say this Web site goes... Honor Code.

Students said hotmollys.com gives ... Code a very worldly perspective.

"I think this Web site goes against ... BYU stand for," Bench said. "It hinders ... producing a kind of people BYU wants ... world."

Most students said they would nev... picture on a rated Web site, even if it i... ated.

"I think the Web site is wrong to jud... how they look," said Erin Stock, 19, fro... an open major . "I wouldn't want to d... who would only consider me based on a...



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